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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the above-referenced Application, please amend
the Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, after the Title, insert the following paragraph:

Reference to Related Application

This Application is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/FI00/00105,
whose international filing date is FEBRUARY 14, 2000, which in turn claims the benefit of
FINLAND Application No. 990334, filed FEBRUARY 17, 1999, the disclosures of which
Applications are incorporated by reference herein. The benefit of the filing and priority
dates of the International and FINLAND Applications is respectfully requested.

The amendment to Page 1 is attached in Appendix A.